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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ROME DEPARTURE INTERVIEW

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM RAI (ITALIAN TELEVISION) VIDEOTAPED AT AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE ROME JULY 6 (OTHER MEDIA ALSO PRESENT):
 2. Q. MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU FIRST OF ALL YOUR IMPRESSIONS ON THE TALKS YOU'VE HAD HERE IN ROME YESTERDAY AND TODAY.
 3. A. THE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN AN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND WARM ATMOSPHERE AND I THINK THERE WAS A COMPLETE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS ON ALL SUBJECTS.
 4. Q. COULD YOU GIVE US A GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SUMMIT IN MOSCOW?
 5. A. THE SUMMIT IN MOSCOW SERVED A NUMBER OF PURPOSES WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED PREVIOUSLY. FIRST, IT ENABLED THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT BETWEEN THEM HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DESTROY MANKIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. AND THAT WAS DONE IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. SECONDLY THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN COO-
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PERATION AND THIRDLY GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE FIELD OF

LIMITATION OF ARMS, BOTH IN AGREEMENTS THAT WERE SIGNED AND IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR AGREEMENTS TO COME.

6. Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOUR ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN CRUCIAL AND DECISIVE AND I WONDER IF YOU CAN GIVE US ANY COMMENT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

7. A. WELL THE NEXT STAGE WILL BE A RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER EXCHANGE BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES, BETWEEN US AND THE PARTIES AND BETWEEN US AND THE OTHER CHAIRMANN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE - TO DO OUR BEST TO MOVE THINGS TOWARDS PEACE ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS.

8. Q. JUST ONE MORE QUESTION, WHAT DEVELOPMENTS MAY TAKE PLACE IN U.S. - EUROPE RELATIONS?

9. A. WELL, I THINK EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE NOW IN -- GOING ALONG IN A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION AND IN THE DIRECTION WE HOPED TO STIMULATE WHEN WE STARTED THE DIALOGUE LAST YEAR. WE SIGNED THIS DECLARATION AMONG THE ATLANTIC COUNTRIES WHICH IN ITSELF IS USEFUL BUT WHICH IF IT IS CARRIED OUT IN THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH WE HOPE IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED CAN MARK A NEW CHAPTER IN ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND I MUST SAY THIS WAS THE ATTITUDE ALSO THAT I FOUND ON THE PART OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS OF SOME OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS - ALL OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT BUT I WANT TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ITALIAN AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

10. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SECRETARY.
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